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REMARKS

Amendments have been made to claims 1, 9, and 10 in order to overcome 35 U.S.C. 112 objections.

Amendments made to the specification conform the scope of the Summary of the Invention with the amended claims.

Claims 1, 3, 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Park. Park, in Fig. 11, discloses a rotatable chair with a vertically oriented support stand made up of connecting bar 90b, fixing bar 92b, moving bar 98b and horizontal support bar 110. The support stand is rotatable independently of the chair. A medical practitioner (an ear specialist) is indicated as being able to rotate ear diagnosis and treatment equipment to treat first one ear and then the next without having either the patient or the doctor move around.

Applicant's chair is not designed for applying medical procedures to a patient. It is used as a workstation. Applicant's workstation includes a keyboard and mouse holder, which can position the mouse at a desired height to the side of a user and the keypad to the front of a user at the correct angle and distance. Park does not disclose a mouse and keyboard holder because it is not the person in the chair that uses the equipment in Park. Moreover, the support stand of Park rotates about the chair axis but not about its own axis. Accordingly, the lower portion (92b) would not be suitable for positioning a keyboard and mouse tray as in Applicant's invention.

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Finally, Applicant's invention is immovably attached to the base so that it occupies a fixed position behind the chair and extends upwardly behind the chair and then horizontally toward the front above the user's head. Park's support stand is not immovably attached to the base but is attached to a plate, which rotates around the axis of the chair support. Consequently, different purpose of Applicant's workstation from the unit of Park is accompanied by a number of structural differences that are reflected in amended Claim 1. As a result it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Park and so, therefore, are its dependent claims 2-10.

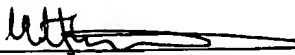
Claims 2, 4-7, 11-13 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park in view of Bujaryn. If claim 1 is allowable then so are claims 2-10. Claim 11 contains the equivalent limitation to claim 1 and so is also allowable.

Claims 7, 8 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park and Bujaryn in further view of McNally. McNally teaches only a single tray for a keyboard and not a second tray for a mouse. Having such a second tray that is adjustable independently from the first tray permits optimum location of each tray according to the requirements of a user.

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Favourable re-consideration is respectfully solicited.

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